

# **DISCLAIMER**

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## **APPLICATION OF**

**COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE  
CORPORATION**

**CASE NO. PUE990438**

**For a general increase in rates  
and revision in tariffs**

## **HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**November 22, 1999**

At the hearing of the above-captioned matter on November 22, 1999, Commonwealth Public Service Corporation (the "Company"), by counsel, moved to implement the rates set forth in the parties' Joint Stipulation, subject to refund with interest, on an interim basis for service rendered on and after November 27, 1999. In addition, the Company moved the admission of an executed bond dated November 18, 1999, in the amount of \$36,574 to secure any refunds which may, or may not, be ordered by the Commission in this case.

In response to the Motion, the Commission's Staff argued that the interim rates as set forth in the parties' Joint Stipulation contain the Purchase Gas Adjustment effective June 1, 1999. The Staff further argued the Purchase Gas Adjustment changes quarterly and the interim rates should reflect that quarterly adjustment.

The Company agreed to include such adjustment in the interim rates and provide the Staff documentation to that effect.

Good Cause having been shown, I find that the Company's Motion to Implement Rates and Accept Bond should be granted, subject, of course, to any refunds, with interest, that may, or may not, have to be made when final rates are approved by the Commission. Accordingly,

### **IT IS DIRECTED:**

- (1) That the Company's Motion to Implement Rates and Accept Bond be, and it is hereby, **Granted**;
- (2) That the aforesaid bond be accepted for filing;
- (3) That the bond be admitted into the record and filed with the Clerk of the Commission;
- (4) That the Company keep accurate accounts of all amounts received under the increased rates which will become effective for service rendered on and after November 27, 1999;

- (5) That interest upon any refund hereinafter ordered by the Commission shall be computed from the date the payment is due until the date refunds are made by the Company; and
- (6) That the Company shall bear all costs of making such refund.

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Hearing Examiner